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## **LABORATORY REPORT**

**Agency Case #: 16-000501**

**Case Subjects:**

Suspect: Geoffrey SIMS

Victim: Kelsey HAUSER

Victim: Officer Samson PAK

**Date of Birth:**



**Related Agencies:**

16000295 San Diego Sheriff's Dept.

16000434 San Diego Sheriff's Dept.

**Offense Code      Offense Date**

664/187 PC      01/16/2016

245(c) PC      01/16/2016

10851 CVC      01/16/2016

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**Related Case Numbers:**

Requested by: Officer Nicholas Sprecco

Request Date: 01/16/2016

Report Date: 03/17/2016

Request Number: 0002

## **REQUEST INFORMATION**

Crime Scene Investigation. This report was completed on 2/26/2016.

## **INFORMATION**

On 1/16/16 at approximately 0156 hours, I received a phone call from Crime Lab Manager PALOS requesting that I assist in the investigation of an officer involved shooting that occurred in the City of El Cajon. I arrived at the Investigations Conference Room of the El Cajon Police Department (ECPD), 100 Civic Center Way, at approximately 0323 hours for a briefing on the scene. The briefing was given by Sgt. FORSTER at approximately 0345 hours. According to the briefing, one (1) officer had fired his weapon on a suspect vehicle at 320 S. Pierce Street in El Cajon. The front passenger of the vehicle was shot and transported to the hospital, where she was later pronounced deceased. There was a Pit Bull dog in the vehicle that was shot and pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver and the two other occupants of the vehicle were transported to ECPD. At the conclusion of the briefing I was assigned to photograph Officer PAK and collect his duty weapons (see Subject Processing report). I was also assigned to process the crime scene including photography, evidence collection, and documentation. The briefing concluded at approximately 0407 hours.

## **SCENE DESCRIPTION**

I arrived at the crime scene at approximately 0521 hours on 1/16/16. The crime scene was located on the roadway on S. Pierce Street within a cul-de-sac of single detached residential homes and medical/business offices. S. Pierce Street was a north-south running dead end road west of, and parallel to, Interstate 8 (I-8) highway, and south of W. Main Street. There was a sidewalk lining the roadway around the south end of the street. There were homes on the west side of S. Pierce Street at the south end. There was fencing on the east side of the road.

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320 S. Pierce Street was the address of the southernmost home. At the south end of the street, south of 320 S. Pierce, there was a gated parking lot for the Dental Implant & Oral Surgery Center. The gate was closed. There was a surveillance camera mounted up on a pole on the east side of the parking lot. The Fletcher Hills Dental Implant & Oral Surgery Center office building was elevated up on the hill, west of the south end of the street. There were several lights on the exterior east side of the building (facing the street) that were illuminated. There was also a light pole on the east sidewalk near the south end of the street that was illuminated. There were two light poles along the east side of the fencing. The lights faced away from the street toward the I-8 highway and they were illuminated.

The scene was blocked off by yellow barrier tape and road closure signs north of 300 S. Pierce Street and in front of the gated parking lot at the south end of the street. There was interior yellow barrier tape across S. Pierce Street at 302 S. Pierce (north of the driveway) and south of 320 S. Pierce near the end of the street. The main crime scene area was in the roadway east of 320 S. Pierce. Police Officers were guarding the scene outside the tape. When I arrived, it was dark outside and the weather was cool.

Det. SPRECCO, Det. MANSOUR, District Attorney Investigator HOLMES, and I, as well as other personnel, were given an initial walk-through of the scene by Officer PAK from approximately 0536 to 0540 hours. Detectives and I continued our walk through of the scene until approximately 0627 hours.

There were four (4) law enforcement vehicles and one (1) red Toyota Yaris parked in the roadway east of 320 S. Pierce. The vehicles were designated with Letters (yellow placards), which will be used in this report.

- Vehicle A: ECPD black and white Ford Police Interceptor Utility (SUV) #40060  
(CA Exempt License Plate 1419968)
- Vehicle B: ECPD black and white Ford Police Interceptor Sedan #40024  
(CA Exempt License Plate 1272517)
- Vehicle C: Red Toyota Yaris (4-door) sedan  
(CA License Plate [REDACTED])
- Vehicle D: CHP black and white Ford Police Interceptor Utility (SUV)  
(CA Exempt License Plate 1448319)
- Vehicle E: ECPD black and white Ford Police Interceptor Sedan #40066  
(CA Exempt License Plate 1128687)

Vehicle A was parked near the southeast corner of the front yard of 320 S. Pierce Street, facing southwest near the west curb. The engine was off and the doors and windows were closed. I was told in the walkthrough that Officer PAK was driving Vehicle A. There were scrapes on the push bar on the front of the vehicle and what appeared to be red paint chips or transfers on the driver side of the push bar. There were tiny red paint chips approximately 34 inches high on the bar above the ground and what appeared to be red paint transfer approximately 38 inches high above the ground. There also appeared to be red paint transfer on an edge of the gray plastic siren speaker box that was located on the driver side of the front bumper next to the license plate. The transfer was approximately 23.5 inches

high above the ground. There was trace debris and a tiny red paint chip on the top side of the middle section of the push bar. I collected the red paint chips/transfer from the driver side of the push bar and the trace debris and paint chip from the middle section of the push bar using two separate bindles (Item #012).

There were linear scrapes on the passenger side of the front bumper. The scrapes were vertical on the bumper next to the push bar and it appeared that the push bar may have been dragged over slightly towards the driver side with the damaged area on the bumper being the original location of the push bar. There were seventeen (17) damaged vehicle pieces/fragments (Item #011) scattered on the asphalt around the front half of Vehicle A. The pieces/fragments appeared to be from a vehicle passenger side mirror and exterior door handle with red paint (possibly from Vehicle C described below). There was a side mirror on the sidewalk west of the front end of Vehicle A and red side mirror cover piece on the asphalt below, next to the curb. There was a broken piece of red exterior door handle on the asphalt below the push bar of the vehicle. There were additional fragments/pieces in this area and south of the vehicle. There was a black plastic side view mirror cover piece east of the front end of the vehicle and additional fragments/pieces east of the front half of the vehicle.

On the asphalt, next to the driver door of Vehicle A was Officer PAK's ticket book. There were several items on the asphalt next to the rear driver side of Vehicle A. There was a black USB charger cord, a white portable charger, a black Sharpie marker, a white plastic bottle lid, and a Nordstrom Rack tag. These items were collected together as Item #013.

There were four (4) Winchester .40 S&W casings on the roadway near the rear side of Vehicle A. There were three (3) casings (Items #001 - #003) near the rear driver side and one (1) casing (Item #004) north of (or behind) the vehicle.

Vehicle B was parked north of Vehicle A, next to the west curb and facing south. The engine was off and the doors and windows were closed. There was no apparent damage to this vehicle. I was told during the walk through that Officer R. GRAY was driving Vehicle B.

On the asphalt next to the front end of Vehicle B, there was a pair of Adidas gray with black stripes athletic shoes, Men's size 12 (Items #015 - #016). There were red-brown stains on the shoes. Southwest of the shoes, on the sidewalk, there was a small clear plastic zipper seal bag containing green plant material (gross weight approx. 0.24 g) (Item #014).

Vehicle C was parked east of Vehicle B, near the center of the roadway and facing north and slightly west. The engine was off, but the headlights were illuminated. All of the doors and windows were closed except for the rear passenger side door and the rear driver side window, which was cracked. I was told in the briefing that during the incident, the suspect, Geoffrey SIMS, was driving this vehicle and that the victim, Kelsey HAUSER, was in the front passenger seat. There were two subjects in the rear seats. There was also a dog (Pit Bull) in the front seats and another dog in the rear seats. The vehicle was possibly a stolen rental car.

The front windows were both broken out. There was broken glass on the front seats and floorboards and on the rear floorboards. There was also a small amount of broken glass outside the vehicle in the roadway next to the driver door. There were larger amounts of broken glass on the roadway near the rear driver side of the vehicle and further south on the east side of the roadway (just south of Vehicle A). I could see through the front passenger

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window that the keys were in the ignition, and turned to the "ON" position. There was a Fox Rent-A-Car tag for the vehicle on one of the key rings. The vehicle was in the "P" (or Park) gear. There was a hole through the passenger side end of the windshield wiper and a related hole with surrounding fractures in the windshield at the bottom passenger side corner. These were the only defects at the crime scene that appeared consistent with damage from a bullet. San Diego Sheriff's Department (SDSD) personnel were scheduled to perform trajectory analysis on Vehicle C at a later date. For details on the trajectory analysis, refer to SDSD's supplemental report.

There was extensive damage to the front passenger side quarter panel. The panel was cracked and hanging off from the vehicle and there were scrapes and black paint transfer. The headlight was also broken and there were nine (9) broken clear plastic pieces and two (2) broken silver plastic pieces (Item #023) scattered on the asphalt nearby. The exterior front passenger door handle and the passenger side view mirror were broken off of the vehicle (possibly Item #011 above). There were red-brown stains (drip marks) on both the exterior and interior sides of the driver door (possibly related to the Pit Bull's injury). The vehicle was filled with items, largely decreasing visibility through the rear window. I saw a Bear River revolver BB gun on the rear passenger side floorboard. For further details on the vehicle and evidence collected from the vehicle, see the Vehicle Processing supplemental report.

On the asphalt below the driver door of Vehicle C, was the deceased male Pit Bull. The Pit Bull was designated with the Letter F. The Pit Bull was tan with white markings and was lying on his stomach with his head facing east toward the driver door and his feet facing west. His front legs were partially underneath his body and his back legs were extended out. There appeared to be a gunshot wound on the right side of his head below his ear with a large amount of blood surrounding the wound. He was wearing a green harness around his neck and body. There were a few pieces of broken glass on top of his body in the area of his neck. There were apparent blood stains that had pooled on the asphalt under his head. El Cajon Animal Control Officer Erika MONREAL (#5322) arrived to the scene at approximately 0855 hours. She removed the Pit Bull's body from the scene and departed at approximately 0905 hours. The Necropsy examination was scheduled for 1/19/16 at 1300 hours. Refer to the Necropsy reports for detailed information on the Pit Bull's injuries.

On the asphalt north of the Pit Bull, there was a black flat shoe with studded toe, size 8, for the left foot (Item #018) and a Honey Nut Cheerios box (approx. ¼ full) (Item #019). There were red-brown stains on the box. West of the Pit Bull, between Vehicle B and Vehicle C, there were two (2) \$1 bills with red-brown stains (Item #017). Also between the vehicles, there was one (1) metal fragment (Item #025) with pink plastic fragment on the asphalt south of Item #017.

Vehicle D met head-on with Vehicle C and was facing south and slightly east. The engine was running. The doors and windows were closed and the doors were locked. There were scrapes and wear and tear on the push bar, however it was unclear if the damage was related to the incident.

There was a piece of white garment (possible a t-shirt) (Item #024) on the asphalt north of Vehicle D. There were some wind gusts during scene processing, which resulted in the garment piece moving southwest on the asphalt prior to collection. A yellow triangular marker was used to show the original location in my photographs.

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Vehicle E was parked next to (east of) Vehicle D and was facing south and slightly east. The engine was running and the doors and windows were closed. I was told during the walkthrough that Officer GIMBEL was driving Vehicle E. There was damage (dents, scrapes, red paint transfer) to the passenger side of the front bumper.

During the briefing, I was told that the belongings/property of the two rear passengers of Vehicle C were scattered in the roadway. South of Vehicle A, near the center of the roadway, there were items lying on the asphalt. There was a green/black WesternPack backpack (Item #009) and a black Sharpie marker. The large rear pouch of the backpack was unzipped. Near the backpack, there were dark blue boxer briefs (Item #008) (possibly fell out of the backpack), an Arizona Sweet Tea can (Item #007), and an orange knit glove (Item #010).

South of these items, there was a Roxy Quicksilver camouflage backpack (Item #006) and a blue BIC lighter on the asphalt. East of the backpack, there was a black beanie knit cap (Item #005) next to the east curb. There was a partially smoked Newport cigarette (Item #005.01) underneath the beanie.

East of Vehicle C, next to the east curb, there was a red/gray CamelBak hydration backpack (Item #021), a milk bottle and "7-11" plastic bag containing a glazed donut (Item #021.04), and a purple BIC "Chargers" lighter with a Newport cigarette (Item #022). On the grass, east of these items, there was a dark brown beanie knit cap (Item #020).

Following photography and evidence collection, I secured from the scene at approximately 1553 hours, at which time Vehicle C was towed from the scene to ECPD by Corey DRISCOLL from Countywide Towing on flatbed truck #17. When I arrived at ECPD, I secured the vehicle in the Vehicle Processing Bay.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

On 1/16/16, the following photographs were taken of the crime scene. The yellow placards, which are visible in various photographic views, were utilized when photographing the crime scene to facilitate in orienting and isolating various items that may have evidential value. The yellow placard numbers also directly correspond to the same numbers, which were utilized when collecting the respective items, and preparing the evidence list.

Commencing at approximately 0634 hours, using a Nikon D300 digital SLR camera (12MP), a Nikon SB-800 electronic flash, and a Nikkor AF-S VR 18mm-200mm lens, I took the following photographs in the NEF and JPG file formats:

- Overall views of 300 block of S. Pierce Street
- Overall and close-up views of surveillance camera in gated parking lot
- Views of location of ECPD Investigations Division scene measurement equipment
- Overall views of exterior/interior of Vehicles A - C and E
- Overall views of exterior only of Vehicle D (doors were locked)
- Possible officer perspective views through front windows of Vehicles B and E (facing East, South, and West)
- Possible officer perspective views standing next to driver door of Vehicle A (facing South, East, and North)

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- Possible officer perspective views (facing south, west, and northwest) near the rear driver side of Vehicle A and moving towards the east side of the roadway
- Overall and close-up views of deceased Pit Bull (F)
- Overall and close-up views of Evidence Items #001 - #025
- Overall and close-up views of damage to Vehicles A, C, D, and E
- Overall and close-up views of defect to Vehicle C windshield and wiper
- Close-up views of keys from Vehicle C ignition
- Overall views of asphalt after Vehicles A - E removed from scene

I took a total of six hundred and ninety (690) photographs. The photography was completed at approximately 1547 hours. The NEF files were downloaded to the Laboratory DIMS under Case Number 16-000501 (Item #D02). The JPG files were downloaded to Quetel DIMS and annotated "Crime Scene - 320 S. Pierce Street". Forensic Laboratory Intern [REDACTED] held the ruler which is visible in some views.

## **EVIDENCE**

With the assistance of Forensic Laboratory Intern [REDACTED], I collected the following items of evidence at the crime scene between 1353 and 1502 hours on 1/16/16:

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| Item # 001:        | One (1) cartridge casing - Winchester .40 cal S&W  |
| Item # 002:        | One (1) cartridge casing - Winchester .40 cal S&W  |
| Item # 003:        | One (1) cartridge casing - Winchester .40 cal S&W  |
| Item # 004:        | One (1) cartridge casing - Winchester .40 cal S&W  |
| Item # 005:        | One (1) black beanie knit cap, Target brand  |
| Itemized # 005.01: | One (1) Newport cigarette with tan filter (under beanie), partially smoked   |
| Item # 006:        | One (1) Roxy Quicksilver tan/brown camouflage backpack (with contents) and one (1) blue BIC lighter  |
| Item # 007:        | One (1) Arizona Sweet Tea can, 23 fl oz (open and smashed)   |
| Item # 008:        | One (1) pair of Hanes dark blue boxer briefs, size M   |
| Item # 009:        | One (1) green/black WesternPack backpack (with contents) and one (1) black Sharpie king size marker  |
| Item # 010:        | One (1) orange knit glove, RN# 52469   |
| Item # 011:        | Seventeen (17) damaged vehicle pieces/fragments (side mirror and ext. door handle)   |
| Item # 012:        | Two (2) bindles containing red paint chips and trace debris (from push bar)  |
| Item # 013:        | One (1) black USB charger cord, one (1) white portable charger, one (1) black Sharpie king size marker, one (1) white plastic bottle lid, and one (1) Nordstrom Rack tag |
| Item # 014:        | One (1) small clear plastic zipper seal bag containing green plant material, approx. 2.5 cm x 3.5 cm size, gross weight = approx. 0.24g                                  |
| Item # 015:        | One (1) Adidas gray/black stripes athletic shoe, US Men's size 12 - right foot   |
| Item # 016:        | One (1) Adidas gray/black stripes athletic shoe, US Men's size 12 - left foot  |
| Item # 017:        | Two (2) \$1 dollar bills (US Currency = \$2.00)  |
| Item # 018:        | One (1) Sam Edelman black flat shoe with silvertone studded cap toe - left foot  |

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Item # 019: One (1) box of Honey Nut Cheerios  
Item # 020: One (1) Carhartt dark brown beanie knit cap, RN# 14806  
Item # 021: One (1) red/gray CamelBak Lobo Hydration backpack (with contents)  
Itemized # 021.04: One (1) Alta Dena milk bottle containing white liquid, and one (1) 7-11 plastic bag containing one (1) glazed donut  
Item # 022: One (1) purple BIC "Chargers" lighter and one (1) Newport cigarette with tan filter  
Item # 023: Nine (9) broken clear plastic pieces and two (2) broken silver plastic pieces  
Item # 024: One (1) piece of white garment (possibly t-shirt)  
Item # 025: One (1) metal (copper) fragment and one (1) pink plastic fragment

### **DISPOSITION**

All evidence items were submitted to the Property and Evidence Unit unless otherwise noted. A forensic case file associated with this report is retained in the Forensic Laboratory and is available upon request.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Evaluations and examination results are opinions and interpretations based on the training, experience, and expertise of the analyst(s).

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